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Of Nicholas the 1st.

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Right Honourable,

UPon the first Notice I had of the late Force put upon the Parliament, I directed a Letter to you, to acquaint you, that my Resolutions were accor ling to my Duty, to stand by them, and to endeavour their re-establishment, though with the hazard of whatsoever was dear to me: and that the Army under my Command, was very Cordiall and unanimous in that undertaking; but that Letter comming to a mischance, I have at the desire, and with the Concurrence of the Officers here, again written unto you, to let you know, that we still are constant to our first Resolutions; in which we are the more Confirmed, since we have been informed, that the *AUTHOURS* of that FORCE have proceeded so far, as to *Null and make void Acts of Parliament*, which the *King*, when He was at the highest, never pretended to do, and which no true English-man can endure to see done by any but Parliaments themselves, and are now contriving by their own Power and Authority, to set up *A new Government over the three Nations*: If this be suffered, I know not to what purpose al this *Blood* hath been spilt, all this *Treasure* spent, and all those *Engagements* made; We must take upon our selves the *guilt* of all, and look upon this Slavery we have brought upon our selves, as *A Judgment* upon Us for our *Murders*, and *Rapines*, and *Perjuries*: I take God to witnesse, I have made no other End, than to restore *the* PARLIAMENT, to its *former Freedome and Authority*, and the People to their Just Rights & Liberties, in which I am sure, I cannot want your assistance: It is not the desire of any here, That those which truly fear God, should be hindred of their Liberty to worship Him according to their several perswasions; or that the Congregated Churches should be abridged of any of the Priviledges and Freedoms they have been used to Enjoy, or even to Claim: There are many Members of those Churches with Us, which can give us this Testimony; yet We could be content, that some Men should not, under pretence of maintaining that Liberty, endeavour the Overthrow of the *National Militia*, and by Consequence, leave the greatest part of the people to *Ignorance* and *Atheism*. Howsoever, this is not the Thing for which We at present Contend, We shall leave this and all oth r things to the *Parliament*, the Confessed Supream Judicature of the Nation; but for the Defence of that we are All Resolved to venture to the utmost.

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If this Good Cause shall miscarry in my hands, through want of your timely Assistance, it will be *too late* for you to Endeavour to Support it with your own Strength: And if it Prosper, it will be Dishonourable for a City so Famous, and so much concerned, That its *Liberties* should be asserted without its own help. I know you are so sensible of the Interest of Gods People, the rights of the whole Nation, and of your own Charter, (which cannot be safe in the hands of these *Usurpers*, and which hath been already indirectly threatned by them) that you will not be wanting to that Opportunity, which God hath put into your hands. But Now, while their Army is waiting upon Me in the North, *use your utmost Endeavours* in the South; and therefore I shall need to use no other Perswasions to Englishmen, and Men that have engaged all along in the same Cause; But shall pray to God to unite your Hearts, and strengthen your Hands in this Good Work, and remain

Edenbourgh, Novemb. 12th. 1659.

Your Lordships very Humble Servant,

GEORGE MONCK.

To the Right Honourable, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Councell of the City of London.

POST-SCRIPT.

WHich Letter being delivered to the Court, *Novemb.* 23. by two Gentlemen of Quality, was well Received; not above 9. or 10. (of 200 then present) opposing the Reading thereof; which being read, in regard of a seeming Treaty on foot, the Court thought fit at present, till the Issue thereof do further appear, to do nothing thereupon.

FINIS.